

HOUSE BILL 461

By Kane

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 50 and Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 30, relative to optional ACT testing for students who do not attend a traditional public school.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-3050, is amended by adding the following language as a new subsection:

(1) A home school student may take the ACT® examination at any public school offering such examination.

(2) A home school student participating in the ACT® examination pursuant to subdivision () (1) shall have the opportunity to retake the assessment one (1) additional time prior to graduation.

(3) The department of education may provide a voucher or fee testing waiver for home school students to take the ACT® examination at no cost to the student, subject to available appropriations each year.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 50, Part 8, is amended by adding the following language as a new section:

(a) A student enrolled in a nonpublic school may take the ACT® examination at any public school offering such examination.

(b) A student enrolled in a nonpublic school that participates in the ACT® examination pursuant to subdivision (a) shall have the opportunity to retake the assessment one (1) additional time prior to graduation.

(c) The department of education may provide a voucher or fee testing waiver for nonpublic school students to take the ACT® examination at no cost to the student, subject to available appropriations each year.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.